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## Act No. 53 (S.52). Public service; energy; telecommunications

## An act relating to the Public Service Board, energy, and telecommunications

This act makes numerous changes to procedures in cases before the Public Service Board (PSB). The cases primarily relate to energy and telecommunications facility siting. The act also enables the Department of Public Service to issue administrative citations for alleged violations of statutes and approvals related to in-state energy and telecommunications facilities, changes the name of the PSB to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC), requires the Commissioner of Public Service to submit a report relating to fostering energy storage on the Vermont electric system, authorizes the Clean Energy Development Fund to fund energy storage projects that support renewable resources, requires a report on an exemption from the Standard Offer Program, and directs the Secretary of State to submit a report on exemption from the Open Meetings Law afforded to the PSB (now PUC).

Multiple effective dates, beginning May 30, 2017